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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) PRETORIA 3409, (B) PRETORIA 3325, (C) STATE
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1. WE AGREE THAT ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTL (B)
HAVE NOT BEEN SUBJECT OF DUTY CHANGE AND SOUTH AFRICA IS
NOT THEREFORE REQUIRED TO PUT THEM ON THE FREE LIST.
HOWEVER, UNDER THE TERMS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW SCHEDULE
XVIII, QUOTE FOOD SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR INFANTS UNQUOTE
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UNDER TARIFF HEADINGS 19.02, 20.02, AND 20.05 IS BOUND

AT DUTY FREE. JACOBSENS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF BOOK FOR SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT INDICATE ANY DUTY FREE TREATMENT FOR INFANT FOODS UNDER THESE HEADINGS, NOR DOES JACOBSENS REFERENCE THE SCHEDULE OF GENERAL REBATES NUMBER (412.06) ALLOWING FULL REBATE OF DUTY ON INFANT FOOD. REFERENCE TO NUMBER 412.06 OF THE GENERAL REBATE SCHEDULE IS INCLUDED FOR THESE THREE ITEMS IN SCHEDULE XVIII. THE FACT THAT INFANT FOOD IS FREE OF DUTY IS NOT READILY APPARENT TO U.S. EXPORTERS OR S.A. IMPORTERS. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY BRING THIS MATTER TO ATTENTION OF SAG OFFICIALS FOR RECTIFICATION.

2. WE AGREE, AS STATED PARA 3 OF REFTTEL (A), THAT ONLY AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS (87.01) AND COMPONENTS AND SUBASSEMBLIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (87.02) CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN CONTRAVENTION GATT ARTICLE XXVII OBLIGATION. AS APPROPRIATE EMBASSY SHOULD PRESS SAG TO PLACE LAST TWO ITEMS ON FREE LIST. IF SAG ENVISAGES ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAY BEFORE DOING SO US WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF WHAT QTE DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS UNQTE AS NOTED REFTTEL C HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE THIS ACTION IS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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